



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2015
9:30 AM
1700 West Washington Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (Commission) convened on May 21, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Present and absent were the following members of the Commission.

Members Present

Cindi Nannetti, Vice-Chair
Vada Jo Phelps
Rob Lubitz
Shaun Rieve
James Molina

Leslie Quinn
Christina Schopen
Myrtle Young
Dennis Pickering
Helen Gándara

Members Absent

Heather Carter
Robert Brutinel
Joseph Kelroy
Marilyn Seymann
Robert Thomas
Alice Bustillo

Dan Goldfine
Joseph Grossman
Jane Kallal
Tom Callahan

Staff and Guests Present

Debbie Moak
Sonya Pierce-Johnson
Deborrah Miller
Steve Selover

Amy Bass
Melissa Jimro

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cindi Nannetti called the meeting to order at 9:37a.m.

B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Nannetti requested introductions by all present.

As a quorum was not present, no business was transacted.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action transpired.

D. TITLE II PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Melissa Jimro, Improving Chandler Neighborhoods (ICAN)

Ms. Jimro reported on the ICAN program which serves the youth and parents in the 85225 zip code area in Chandler, AZ. ICAN's program focus is on prevention; substance abuse, gang involvement, and juvenile delinquency. ICAN provides three evidence based programs; Too Good for Drugs, Botvin's Life Skills/Second-Step. Boy's Council/Girl's Circle. These programs are offered as after school programs which are taught two times a week. The students who are enrolled in the program are required to attend. ICAN currently serves 250 K-12 students. Ms. Jimro reported that evaluation results have shown that these evidence based programs have proven to decrease the onset of substance abuse and delinquency among youth served. Ms. Jimro also reported that participants in the ICAN parenting programs reported that they learned how to talk to their children about alcohol and drug use, and as a family they participated in activities to help prevent under-age drinking and drug use.

Ms. Amy Bass, CHOICES in Action

Ms. Bass reported on the Amado Youth Program which serves as the only youth program in the small community of Amado, Arizona. The program offered is "Responsibility for Actions" designed by Dr. L. Ford. The program teaches the youth that every choice has a consequence and how to make the best choices. Ms. Bass reported that developing trust with both the youth and the parents has been the biggest challenge. Additional focus has been with teaching self-esteem to the youth through Karate training, a community garden and painting a mural. Volunteers from the Green Valley community have been engaged with the youth and the success of the programs. Ms. Bass reported that a challenge still exist with engaging more with parents. Ms. Bass thanked the Commission for their continued support and welcomed the members to visit Amado and the program.

E. CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT

Ms. Sonya Pierce-Johnson provided information on the annual report for the Children's Justice Act Grant. Ms. Pierce-Johnson identified and recommended priority areas that staff feels are necessary to continue to work towards for 2015:

Proposed Activities/Application

The Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission will continue to work towards the Children's Justice Grant's goal of reducing child abuse victim trauma. The Commission will meet this goal through programs and/or initiatives that meet the following five priority objectives:

1. Supporting the creation, development and/or on-going operations of Interagency Councils and/or Multidisciplinary Teams for the joint investigation of child abuse.

2. Supporting the creation, development, and/or on-going operations of child/family advocacy centers.
3. Supporting information technology that improves case tracking and reporting capabilities at advocacy centers, Interagency Councils, and/or Multidisciplinary Teams.
4. Supporting training for professionals involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and child exploitation cases.
5. Supporting the purchasing of equipment to conduct investigations of child abuse and child exploitation cases.

Two specific programs will continue to support these areas: the Children's Justice Coordinator initiative program and the Children's Justice Training program.

A final report of the 3 year assessment will be forthcoming late in the summer and will be presented to the Commission by the contractor, Pima Prevention Partnership (PPP).

F. JJDPA TITLE II PRIORITIES

Mr. Steve Selover provided a presentation on the Title II 3 Year Plan. Mr. Selover stated that next month, the rewriting of the plan will begin. Mr. Selover reviewed the process by which AJJC chooses the federal program areas to include in the 3 year plan. Mr. Selover provided an overview of potential recommended priority areas for the 2015 Request for Grant Application (RFGA):

- Alternatives to Detention
- Disproportionate minority Contact
- Juvenile Justice Systems Improvement
- Mental Health Services
- School Programs
- Substance Abuse

Commissioners discussed the recommended purpose areas and requested the addition of Aftercare/Reentry as a priority area due to the lack of services for the transition of delinquent youth back into their communities.

Mr. Selover also addressed the amount of funding that may be available for 2015 as approximately \$650,000 to \$715,000.

G. PLANNING AND GRANTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Selover discussed the need to recruit additional members of review committee for late July/August review of applications. Planning and Grants Committee members Christina Schopen, Myrtle Young and Rob Lubitz will assist staff in recruiting reviewers.

H. STAFF UPDATES

- Children's Justice Act Grant – Ms. Pierce-Johnson reported she is working on the Children's Justice Act application.
- Juvenile Accountability Block Grant – Ms. Pierce-Johnson reported September 30, 2015 is the end date for this grant. At the close of funding, no additional funds will be available under JABG.
- Title II Formula Grant – Mr. Selover reported a three month extension has been added to current contracts with a closing date scheduled for September 30, 2015.

- JJDPA Compliance – Mr. Steve Selover reported the Compliance Report is due June 2015. Mr. Selover does not anticipate any major changes to last year's data.

I. FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE (FACJJ) UPDATE

Commissioner Rob Lubitz provided a report from the Juvenile Law Center. The report shows Arizona is ranked 49th nationally with regards to statutes that limit access to minor's criminal history records. Mr. Lubitz was not sure this is a major issue for the state, but suggested it might be an issue for the Legislative Committee to look into. Mr. Lubitz also reported that model legislation is being developed for national use.

J. CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Selover stated that new commission members should be in attendance at the next meeting scheduled in August.

K. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The public did not respond to the call.

L. ADJOURN

Ms. Nannetti adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.